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APPLICANT(S): Goto et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 1998. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the amendments and remarks made herein. A one-month extension of time is hereby requested for filing a Notice of Appeal together with the application fee.

**AMENDMENTS**

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**In the specification;**

On page 1, after the title "Novel Proteins and Methods for Producing the Proteins" and before "Field of the Invention," add --This is a continuation-in-part of PCT/JP96/00374, filed on February 20, 1996 claiming priority to JP 54977/1995, filed on February 20, 1995 and JP 207508/1995, filed on July 21, 1995.--

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